

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of this amendment, the following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the pending application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3-6, 30 and 37 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a user with authorized remote access to one of one or more application sessions disconnected from one or more client nodes previously operated by the user, the method comprising:
 - (a) requesting, by a client node operated by a user, access to a resource provided by an application session, the client node comprising a computing environment;
 - (b) gathering, by a collection agent from the client node, ~~information about~~ characteristics of the client node computing environment in response to the request to access the resource;
 - (c) receiving, by a policy engine, the gathered characteristics information;
 - (d) making, by a policy engine, an access control decision granting the computing environment access to ~~for~~ the resource based on application of a policy to the received characteristics of the computing environment information;
 - (e) identifying, based on the access control decision, an application session to which the client node is permitted to connect, the application session from one or more application sessions already associated with the user and disconnected from one or more client nodes previously operated by the user; and
 - (f) establishing, by a session server, a connection between the client node and the identified application session in response to the identification.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein step (a) further comprises requesting the resource over a network connection.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein step (b) further comprises gathering the characteristics information over a network connection.
4. (~~characteristics~~) The method of claim 1 wherein step (b) further comprises gathering the characteristics information by executing at least one script on the client node.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein step (d) further comprises determining if the received characteristics information satisfies a condition.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5 further comprising determining if the received characteristics information satisfies a condition by comparing the received information to at least one condition.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein step (d) further comprises making an access control decision by applying a policy to the condition.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein a first one of the application sessions is running on a first server and a second one of the application sessions is running on a second server.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of establishing, by the session server, a connection between the client node and the one or more application sessions is subject to a rule permitting the client node to connect to the one or more application sessions.
10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the connection between the client node and the one or more application sessions is triggered by the selection of a single user interface element.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of receiving, by a session server, a disconnect request to disconnect a first application session associated with the user and a second application session associated with the user;
and disconnecting, by the session server, the first and second application sessions.
12. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising updating, by the session server, at least one data record associated with the first and second application sessions to indicate that the first and second application sessions are disconnected.
13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of continuing, by the session server, execution of one or more applications for at least one of the disconnected application sessions.
14. - 17. (Canceled)
18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the one or more application sessions was connected to a first client node prior to connection and, after connection, the one or more application sessions is reconnected to the first client node.
19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the one or more application sessions was associated with a first client node prior to establishing the connection and, after establishing the connection, the one or more application sessions is connected to a second client node.
20. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one application session is disconnected.
21. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one application session is active.
22. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the identifying one or more applications sessions is automatic upon receipt of authentication information.

23. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of providing for receiving application output from a one or more previously disconnected application sessions associated with the user in response to the received information.
24. (Original) The method of claim 23 further comprising disconnecting at least one active application session associated with the user in response to the received information.
25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23 wherein the one or more active application sessions is initially connected to a first client node and, upon requesting access to the resource, the user is operating a second client node.
26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the receipt of application output from the one or more active application sessions is subject to a rule permitting the user to have a client node operated by the user to connect to the one or more active application sessions.
27. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein the receipt of application output from the one or more active application sessions and the receipt of application output from the one or more disconnected application sessions are triggered by the selection of a single user interface element.
28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23 wherein the one or more disconnected application sessions was connected to a first client node prior to disconnection and, at connection, the one or more disconnected application session is reconnected to the first client node.
29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23 wherein the one or more disconnected application sessions was connected to a first client node prior to disconnection and, at

connection, the one or more disconnected application session is connected to a second client node.

30. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a user with authorized remote access to one of one or more application sessions disconnected from one or more client nodes previously operated by the user, the system comprising:

a collection agent gathering ~~information about~~ characteristics of a computing environment from a client node operated by a user, the client node comprising the computing environment and requesting access to a resource provided by an application session;

a policy engine receiving the gathered ~~characteristics information~~, making an access control decision granting the computing environment access to ~~for~~ the resource based on the application of a policy to the received characteristics of the computing environment information, and initiating, based on the access control decision, an identification of an application session to which the client node is permitted to connect, the application session from one or more application sessions already associated with the user and disconnected from one or more client nodes previously operated by the user ~~the access control decision~~;

and

a session server establishing a connection between the client node and the identified application session in response to the identification .

31. (Original) The system of claim 30 wherein the collection agent executes on the client node.

32. (Original) The system of claim 30 wherein the policy engine transmits the collection agent to the client node.

33. (Original) The system of claim 30 wherein the policy engine transmits instructions to the collection agent determining the type of information the collection agent gathers.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Original) The system of claim 30 wherein a first one of the application sessions is running on a first server and a second one of the application sessions is running on a second server.

36. (Original) The system of claim 30 wherein the session server connects the client node to the one or more application sessions.

37. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 36 wherein the connection of the client node to the one or more application sessions[[;]] is triggered by selection of a single user interface element.

38. (Original) The system of claim 36 wherein the session server is also configured to receive a disconnect request to disconnect the first application session associated with the user and the second application session associated with the user and disconnect the first and second application sessions in response to the request.

39. (Original) The system of claim 38 wherein the session server is further configured to update at least one data record associated with each of the first and second application sessions to indicate that the first and second application sessions are disconnected.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Original) The system of claim 30 wherein the policy engine further comprises stored data associated with one or more servers executing application sessions.

42. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30 wherein the one or more application sessions was connected to a first client node prior to connection and, after connection, the one or more application sessions is reconnected to the first client node.

43. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30 wherein the one or more application sessions was associated with a first client node prior to connection and, after connection, the one or more application sessions is connected to a second client node.
44. (Original) The system of claim 30 wherein at least one of the one or more application sessions is disconnected.
45. (Original) The system of claim 30 wherein at least one of the one or more application sessions is active.
46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein step (b) further comprises gathering one or more of the following information about the client node: a machine identification (ID) of the client node, type of an operating system, existence of a patch to the operating system, a Media Access Control (MAC) address of a network card, a digital watermark on the client node, a membership in an Active Directory, an existence of a virus scanner, an existence of a personal firewall, an HTTP header, a browser type, a device type, network connection information, and authorization credentials.
47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein step (f) further comprises establishing the connection between the client node and the one or more application sessions responsive to the policy engine making the access control decision.